

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 33-45 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 33, and 34 have been rejected. Claims 1, 33, and 34 have been amended herein. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 33, and 34 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion in order to expedite prosecution and to overcome the perceived non-statutory subject matter issue noted by the Examiner. The amendments were not made to overcome any prior art rejection. The scope of claims 1, 33, and 34 remain unchanged. As such claims 1, 33, and 34 along with claims 2-17 and 35-45 are now in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application are allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections are respectfully requested. Favorable notice to this effect and early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the examiner have any questions and in order to expedite prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,



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